MOTHER OF BLANCHE BATES ADVISES STAGE-STRUCK GIRLS TO JOIN A STOCK COMPANY

Says Six Months' Experien Should Be Sufficient for Novice to Learn Whether She Is Fitten for the Profession or Not.

WUST NOT FEAR HARD WORK.

Stage-struck girls, here is some admonition and advice from Mrs. Bates. Who is Mrs. Bates? What a question! The idea of anyone connected with the theater or intending to go on the stage not knowing who Mrs. Bates is!

But, for the enlightenment of the few benighted ones, let it be said that Mrs. Frances M. Bates, besides being the mother of Blanche Bates, the clever young actress, who is playing "The Darling of the Gods" at the Imperial, is an actress hernelf, and she was the wife of an actor; she is now tusiness manager for her daughter and incidentally playing a minor part in her daughter's successful play. Therefore, Mrs. Bates is an authority well worth quoting, and girls with stage aspirations would do well to heed her advice. She is thoroughly conversant with the ins and the outs and the ups and downs of life



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an actor.

"It makes a vast deal of difference whether a girl is brought up in the atmosphere of the stage or whether a he comes in green from the country or some small city."

Her own career being touched upon, Mrs. Bates mentioned her work with her husband in Shakesperean roles, and of her work in New Orleans during the Civil War, of how they played to packed houses, people hanging on, seemingly, by their eye hows, while shot and shell fell around the city.

"I went through everything from juvenile to old woman parts," she explained. "Two or three years ago I gave up important parts to be with my daughter.

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"I objected at first to my daughter go-ing on the stage, because of the hard ing on the stage, because of the hard work. But when she did go, she went in a stock company. I would advise every stage aspirant to enter a stock company. The work 's hard, very hard indeed, but it is the best possible training. I am in favor of stock companies. Through work in stock one get—a variety of experi-ence, and there is a better chance of ad-vancement.

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"A girl can earn more money on the stage than she can in any other profession, even at the very first. Yet I would not advise a girl to go on the stage unless her parents were perfectly willing. I would not want my daughter to do anything against my wishes. But if a girl's parents are willing, and she is ambitious and fitted for the work, and willing to work and study. I see no reason why she should not go on and be successful.

"There is no life that requires as much study, and so many restrictions. But I think it pays to lead a regular life. An actress must have nine hours' sleep, and ten are better if she can get them, but nine she must have nine hours' sleep, and ten are better if she gives her audience her best. She may do pleasing work on less rest, but not her best. Aside from the rest, she must take good care of her health, and she must take good care of her health, and she must take plenty of outdoor exercise. Walking is one of the best forms of exercise. I am a great walker. I frequently walk three and four miles before breakfast.

"I would not advise young girls going on the stage. A girl should not enter the life until her character is well formed. Unless she has her mother with her. Nineteen or 20 is plenty young enough. The work is so lard that a young girl is liable to break down under the strain."

This remark made just a tiny opening for me to slip a question in that I had been wanting to ask, yet heritated to, because it seemed irrelevant to ask a woman like Mrs. Bates about the moral-atmosphere of the stage. Seated in the cray sitting-room with Mrs. Bates rocking back and forth in a willow chair, while a larse Anora can purred at her feet, it was hard to think of her being behind the footlights, even in the dear, lovable granddame parts. I expected every moment to see her bring out ner roll of knifting and make the bright needs shift and abreast with the times as a c

"What of the moral atmosphere of the singe and the temptations?" I asked, Mrs.

singe and the temptations?" I asked, Mrs. Bates's kindly brown eyes flashed, she stopped rocking and leaned forward in her chair. Now she was in the defensive mood.

"The morale of the profession is bettering steadily, and the highly cultured, accomplished and brainy actress is now the rule in the dramatic companies rather than the exception.

"If there are temptations they come from without and not within. If a girl is serious and willing to work she has no time to consider temptations from the outside. A theatrical company nowadays is more like a large family than anything else, and the members are interested in each other.

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"If a girl wants to remain pure and retain her womanly dignity she can do so on the stage as easily as the can in her mother's parlor. Because some of the profession have led undestrable lives, the public would brand each individual member with a scariet letter. One will find the black sheep in all walks of life, in all professions.

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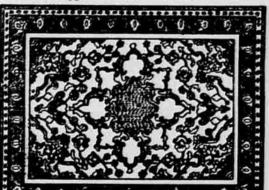
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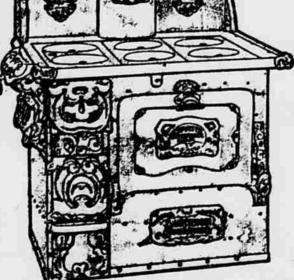
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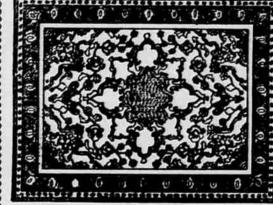




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general officers and delegates at the Woman's Club, from \$28 to 11 p. m. on Thursday,
Friday will be U. D. C. Day at the Fair.
The Missouri building will be the scene of a reception to the Daughters from 11 o'clock a. m. to 1 p. m. on that day, at which President Francis, Governor Dockery, Mayor Wells and M. T. Davis of the Missouri Commission, will speak.

The president of the Missouri division, Mrs. Annie Washington Lapley, will entertain at hinchers complimentary to the general officers and State presidents at 1 p. m. on Friday, at the Tyrolean Alps.

Friday afternoon the Board of Lady Managers will give a reception to the Daughters at the Woman's building, from 4 to 6 p. m. The Texas division will give a reception at the Texas building from 8 to 11 p. m. on Friday cyrning. The Confederate Vetering and Sens of Veterans will entertain the Daughters at the Mississippi building from 8 to 10 o'clock on Sciday evening.

Mrs. H. N. Spencer of this city, who is one of the delegates from Missouri, has invited the visiture officers and delegates to view the Velled Prophet will compliment the U. D. C. by I aving his land play "Dixie" in nessing Mrs. Spencer's residence, and saluting the ladies.

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